

# URPE Program at 2009 EEA

**Friday, February 27, 9:00am**

## [4] MACRO-FINANCIAL STRUCTURES AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

### *Session Organizers:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

**Hasan Cömert**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Anil Duman**, Central European University

**Tom Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

### *Session Chair:*

**Hasan Cömert**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Finance of Technology Firms in Turkey: The Effects of Structural Problems and a Quest for Prosperous Future*

**Mustafa Erdem Sakinç**, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

*Financial Structure and the Myths of Chinese Growth*

**Adam S. Hersh**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Asymmetric Returns to U.S. Foreign Assets: American Superiority or Accounting Fiction?*

**Mona Ahmad Ali**, The New School for Social Research

*Affirmative Action in Malaysia and South Africa*

**Hwok-Aun Lee**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

### *Discussants:*

**Iren Levina**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Marcelo Milan**, University of Wisconsin

**Rodrigo Alves Teixeira**, University of Sao Paulo

**Fabian Slonimczyk**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Friday, February 27, 11:00am**

## [30] TOPICS IN INEQUALITY

*Session Organizer:*

**Anil Duman**, Central European University

*Session Chair:*

**Geert Dhondt**, UMASS

*Earnings Inequality and Skill Mismatch in the U.S.*

**Fabian Slonimczyk**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Inequality in Education and Educational Spending in Turkey*

**Anil Duman**, Central European University

*Inequality and Development in the World*

**Arjun Jayadev**, University of Massachusetts, Boston

*The Effects of Unemployment, Wage Inequality, and Voice on Job Satisfaction, Effort, and Firm Performance*

**Michael D. Carr**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Philip Mellizo**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Discussants:*

**Tom Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Jeannette Wicks-Lim**, Political Economy Research Institute

**Ajit Zacharias**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Marie Duggan**, Keene State College

## **Friday, February 27, 2:00pm**

## [55] TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

*Session Organizers:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

**Hasan Cömert**, UMASS

*Session Chair:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

*The Effect of Prison Population on Crime Rates: Evidence from Mandatory Minimums for Drugs*  
**Geert Dhondt**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Tracing Back the Origin's of Amartya Sen's Thought: A Case of Methodological Schizophrenia*  
**Johann K. Jaeckel**, The New School for Social Research

*How Should Radical Political Economists Think about Neuroeconomics?*  
**Amit Basole**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*What If Keynes' 1944 Proposals Had Been Accepted?*  
**Marie Duggan**, Keene State College

*Discussants:*

**Ajit Zacharias**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Arjun Jayadev**, University of Massachusetts, Boston

**Al Campbell**, University of Utah

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

## **Friday, February 27, 4:00pm**

### **[79] NEW DIRECTIONS IN THEORIES OF PROFITS, RENTS, AND CLASS**

*Session Organizers:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

**Hasan Cömert**, UMASS

*Session Chair:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

*Modern Rent-Bearing Capital: New Enclosures, Knowledge-Rent and the Financialization of Monopoly Rights*

**Rodrigo Alves Teixeira**, University of Sao Paulo (IPE/FEA/USP) and Central Bank of Brazil

**Tomas Nielson Rotta**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Class Expansion of Total Output in the U.S. Economy: Towards an Empirical Study*

**Mohammad R. Moeini**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Where do Profits in the Financial Sector Come From?*

**Iren Levina**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Discussants:*

**Anil Duman**, Central European University

**Johann K. Jaeckel**, The New School for Social Research

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

## **Saturday, February 28, 9:00am**

### **[103] NEW THEMES IN MACRO-FINANCIAL REGULATION AND PUBLIC FINANCING**

*Session Organizers:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

**HasanCömert**, UMass

*Session Chair:*

**Adam S. Hersh**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

*The Role of Expectation Channel in Central Banking*

**HasanCömert**, UMass

*Participatory Democracy in Action: Participatory Budgeting in Poto Alegre: 1989-2004*

**Adalmir Marquetti**, Pontificia Unisersidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Carlos Schonewald**, Universidade do Vale do Rio do Sinos, Brazil

**Al Campbell**, University of Utah

*Macrofinancial Risk Management in the U.S. Economy: Regulation, Derivatives, and Liquidity Preference*

**Marcelo Milan**, University of Wisconsin, Parkside

*Discussants:*

**Mona Ahmad Ali**, The New School for Social Research

**Mohammad R. Moeini**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Nuria A. Malet Quintar**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

## **Saturday, February 28, 11:00am**

## [129] ROUND TABLE SESSION ON THEORIES AND MEASUREMENT OF WAGES

*Session Organizers:*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

**Hasan Cömert**, UMASS

*Session Chair:*

**Ajit Zacharias**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

*Comparable International Living Wages: The Argentine Case*

**Nuria A. Malet Quintar**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*The Effects of Unemployment, Wage Inequality, and Voice on Job Satisfaction, Effort, and Firm Performance*

**Michael D. Carr**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Philip Mellizo**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Theories of Wages Old and New*

**Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa

*Globalization, Wage Shares and Income Distribution in Turkey*

**Cem Oyvatt**, University of Massachusetts

*Discussion among presenters and participants.*

## **Saturday, February 28, 2:00pm**

### [192] POLICY IMPACTS ON ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

*Session Organizer:*

**Thomas Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

*Session Chair:*

**Rania Antonopolous**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

*State Minimum Wage Laws And Earned Income Tax Credits: Substitutes Or Complements For Improving The Living Standards Of The Working Poor?*

**Jeannette Wicks-Lim**, Political Economy Research Institute

*Long-Term Trends in Economic Well-being within Population sub-groups, 1959-2004*

**Thomas Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Edward Wolff**, New York University

**Ajit Zacharias**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

*Do Alternative Measures of Well-Being Matter for Assessing Economic Inequality?*

**Ajit Zacharias**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Thomas Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

**Edward Wolff**, New York University

***Discussant:***

Michael Ash, University of Massachusetts Amherst